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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Non-Final Official Action (Rejections/Objections/Allowable Subject Matter) dated September 22, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested. Applicant requests that the objections and requirements as to form be held in abeyance until after reconsideration of rejected claims based on the discussion and amendments detailed herein.

Please cancel claim 14.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 15, 20 and 23 as follows (a marked up version of amended claims appears as an attachment to this response):

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